

the Ring



"The winter woods are full of Christmas trees, and all December stars are Christmas stars. People who have wearied of every other kind of Christmas will find it difficult to outgrow a star."

— Marjory MacMurchy (1911)

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University of Victoria

Senate adopts grading regulations to protect students

By John Driscoll

The Senate has finally adopted new regulations designed to protect students from unfair grading practices.

The new regulations were adopted after much debate during a five-hour Senate meeting Dec. 7, one year after the committee on teaching and learning was asked to prepare a report on grading.

The committee had sent recommendations to Senate in May but these were referred to all faculties for comments. After comments were received from faculties, the Alma Mater Society and the Faculty Association, the regulations were amended by the committee and sent back to Senate.

At the meeting, Senate amended several of the regulations again. Committee chairman Dr. David Leeming (Mathematics) explained that problems in grading are caused by a lack of understanding of grading procedures, primarily by new and visiting faculty, and a lack of understanding of appeal mechanisms by students.

After the long meeting Leeming said he was satisfied with the Senate's acceptance of most of the proposed regulations.

"I was surprised that they turned down a recommendation dealing with encouragement of teaching excellence on campus," he said.

The regulations approved included:

- that instructors should give corrective comments on all assigned work submitted except final exams
- that instructors give corrective comments on a final exam, if requested to do so by a student
- that instructors normally return promptly all student work submitted that will count toward the final grade (except final exams).
- that students be given access to their own final exam questions and answers, on request to their instructors.
- that students be allowed to purchase a Xerox copy of their exam questions and answers. Exam questions could be withheld with the agreement of a department chairman.
- that the student handbook and Calendar contain a section in detail of all the various avenues of appeal that exist within the university.
- that the university formally encourage students who feel unjustly treated to seek all avenues of appeal.

The Senate tabled a recommendation that terms of reference and conditions of employment be established for an ombudsman for students.

President Howard Petch told Senate he would be meeting with representatives of the Alma Mater Society which is seeking a joint

AMS-university appointment of an ombudsman.

Leeming told the Senate that results of a student questionnaire revealed "overwhelming endorsement of a student ombudsman and overwhelming support for a joint appointment".

"Unless a student ombudsman has the endorsement of Senate, he won't enjoy any credibility whatsoever," said Leeming.

Senators felt however that the recommendation should be delayed until a decision is made on whether the university will become involved.

AMS President Brian Gardiner said after the meeting that he was not surprised by Senate action on the ombudsman. "I am a little upset by the way the president started off the discussion with a comment about the cost of an ombudsman at the University of Toronto," said Gardiner.

"I don't feel you can compare the cost at U

of T and at UVic," he said.

Gardiner said the AMS would go ahead with the hiring of an ombudsman with or without official support and funding from the university.

"Financially, we are limited so the position would likely be part-time at first," he said.

Gardiner did not agree with Leeming's statement that such an ombudsman would lack credibility. "Certainly Senate support would lend more credibility but if we can find a dedicated, resourceful individual, students will see the position as an asset on this campus."

Gardiner said an ombudsman must be knowledgeable of campus procedures and an AMS ombudsman would be available to assist faculty and staff as well as students.

At the Senate meeting, some senators expressed surprise at the defeat of a recommendation which stated that "the university

seek ways and means of giving a higher visibility to teaching excellence on campus and further encouraging teaching excellence on campus."

"I'm stunned that Senate has defeated this recommendation," said Dr. R.J. Powers (Political Science) after the vote.

After the meeting student senators explained that they voted against the motion because they felt it should be stronger, adding sanctions against instructors who break regulations.

Some faculty members said they voted against the motion because it was "wishy-washy".

Also turned down by Senate was an addition to the grading system which would add the words "excellent", "good", and "satisfactory" to grades.

Instead the grades will include the words "first class", "second class", "pass", and "marginal pass".

BITING THE BUDGET BULLET

All signs point to a tight operating budget for UVic in 1978-79 and the university is preparing to make cuts in spending.

The executive council is in the process of reviewing the 1977-78 budget of every non-academic department on campus to see where budget cuts can be made if necessary.

And deans of academic faculties are going through the same belt-tightening process.

The directors of all non-academic departments have been called in to discuss budget items with the council.

"We're anticipating that we'll be in a cut-back position next year," explained President Howard Petch. "The council is studying areas where there could be cuts and trying to make sure cuts are in areas that will cause the least difficulties."

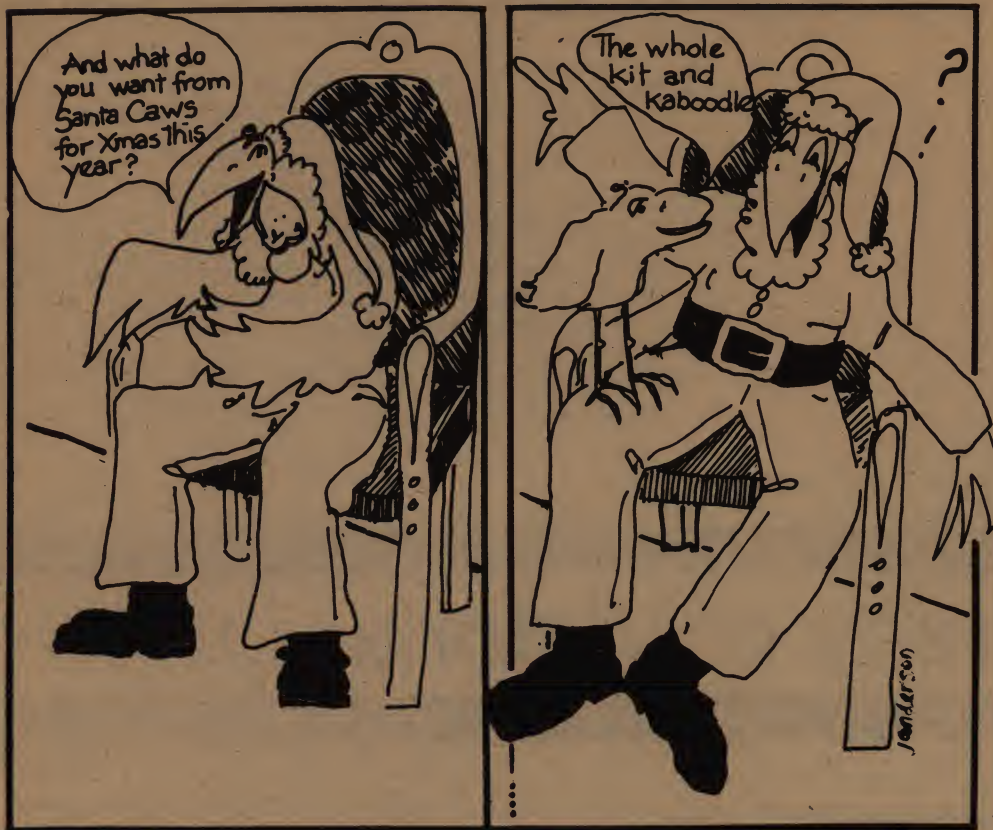
Most of UVic's operating funds come from the province in the form of a grant. Recommendations for 1978-79 budgets for B.C. universities are now in the hands of Minister of Education, Dr. Patrick McGeer.



Students in residence on campus have caught the holiday spirit. Windows in both Craigdarroch and Lansdowne residences are festooned with Christmas messages and paintings such as the one above.

bird brains

IN THIS EPISODE,
THE WHITE RAVEN
GOES TO SEE THE
BIRD WITH THE BEARD...



Waterloo would aid UVic optometry school

The director of the University of Waterloo's School of Optometry is enthusiastic about a UVic proposal to establish a new school of optometry for western Canada.

The UVic proposal is now in the hands of a sub-committee of the Senate planning committee.

In a story in the Nov. 2 issue of the University of Waterloo *Gazette*, school director Dr. Emerson Woodruff said Waterloo's optometry school would be interested in assisting UVic in getting started if its proposal goes ahead.

Waterloo now has the only English-language optometry school in Canada and there are no B.C. students enrolled.

"We have been committed to supporting any western group, as a resource," said Woodruff. "We've felt an obligation to provide them with advice and consultation."

A report prepared by Dr. John Dewey, UVic's Dean of Graduate Studies, contains two alternative plans for an optometry school at UVic. One proposal calls for a completely autonomous school at UVic with 55 students admitted to the first year of a four-year professional program after two pre-professional years in general science.

The second proposal would develop a co-operative program with Waterloo, leading eventually to an autonomous program at UVic. After two pre-professional years, about 10 B.C. students would spend their first three professional years at Waterloo and their final year back at UVic.

Woodruff said that to add as many as 10 B.C. students to the Waterloo school would put a strain on the program. He said that more space would be needed and it would be probably necessary to establish a satellite clinic.

Woodruff said the need is not just for more optometrists in western Canada and not just for access to optometric education in that part of the country.

"Another centre that would do things in different ways would be an asset to us as an existing entity," he said. "That kind of thing is good for education and for services that are rendered to people."

Woodruff said UVic has "all the resources that they would need" to start an optometry school, including supporting science courses, psychology and family-oriented programs.

Prof tackles taming of wild seaweed

By Donna Danylchuk

Making sure that B.C. does not duplicate Denmark's unhappy experience with over-harvesting of seaweed is part of the work of Dr. Alan Austin (Biology).

Since the early 1940's, Denmark has had industries based on extraction of agar and other plant gums and gels from seaweed. These substances are important ingredients in a wide variety of commercial products ranging from yogurt and cream cheese to pharmaceuticals and cosmetics.

But, Denmark lacks adequate supplies of appropriate seaweed, which it must import from other areas including the eastern coast of Canada.

Large quantities of seaweed grew in Danish waters until the late 1960s, when the supply ran out due to intensive harvesting of the plant in its wild state.

In B.C., the seaweed situation may take a different course, due to what Austin calls "an example of foresighted collaboration between university and government".

The Danish loss of its seaweed supply might have been avoided if funds had been forthcoming to sponsor research into methods of growing it as a renewable resource, he said.

"When we plant a cabbage or a lettuce or a tomato," he explained, "we know what conditions they require and how long they take to grow. We only know this about a very few seaweeds, but this is what must be discovered before the sea plants can be cultivated and harvested for commercial or other uses."

Austin was already involved in studying seaweed at UVic when he was approached by the provincial government in 1970 to do a pre-utilization resource study of the plant on the B.C. coastline.

The result has been a pioneer effort in the resource ecology of valuable marine plants on the coast. It has been, in Austin's opinion, a useful collaboration between government and university that has provided an opportunity to carry on scholarly work combined with a useful long-range potential, practical application.

"We are getting to the threshold of the industrial use of seaweed in B.C., and if we study the resource now we can presumably develop it and learn to grow and harvest it as a renewable tamelife rather than a wildlife source."

This, he said, "would be far preferable to harvesting the complex, fragile and unpredictable wild resources which should be left undisturbed if at all possible."

Austin's work to date has concentrated on *Iridaea cordata*, the iridescent, sheet-like, purple seaweed found at low-water spring tide and below. *Iridaea* is a particularly rich source of a gel-like material similar to agar.

In August, Austin and his research assistant, graduate student Robert Adams, presented a paper on *Iridaea* at an international conference on seaweed held at the University of California, attended by 750 biologists, chemists, industrialists and other participants from 44 countries.

Austin said that when he first started studying seaweed, few biologists other than seaweed scientists imagined that such plants would become of interest to a wide public.

But, at the international symposium in Santa Barbara he observed that phycology, the study of algae including marine algae or seaweed, has come of age.

Not only are more phycologists realizing that algae have significant potential in the production of useful organic matter or "biomass", but engineers, industrialists and governments are also sitting up and taking notice, he said.

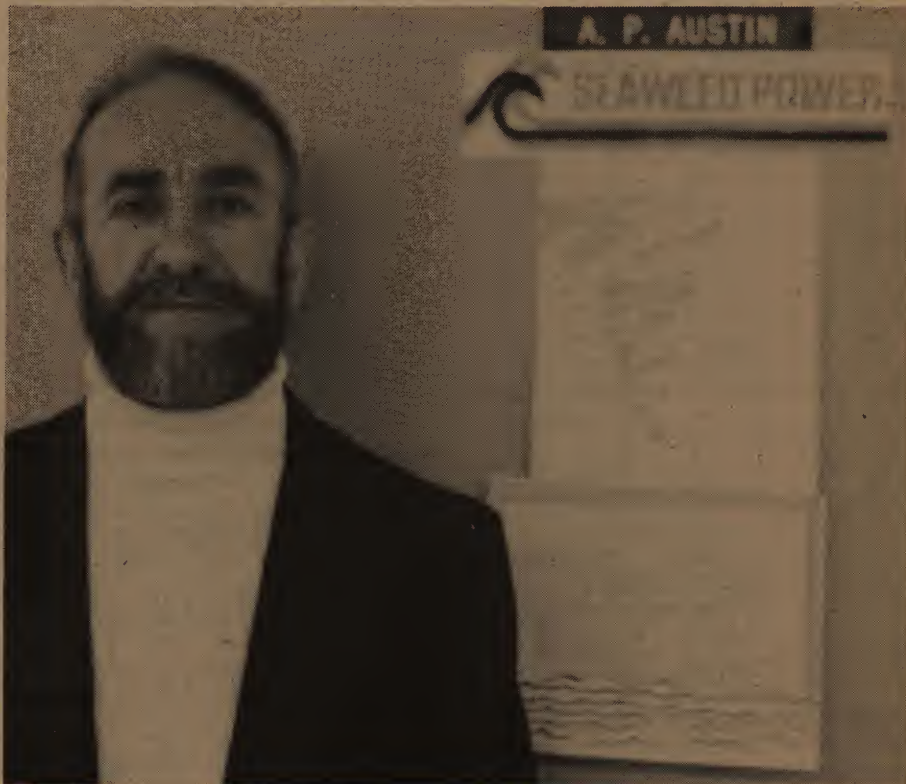
"This is because organic matter produced by many plants has the potential for conversion to fuels such as methane or alcohol on a renewable basis, a potential not insignificant in days of future energy uncertainties."

"Some marine plants are particularly productive, with enormous growth rates which, if given suitable conditions, can regenerate crop after crop of harvestable organic matter, particularly in rich colder waters such as those of our B.C. coast."

Austin and Adams have now amassed extensive information on seaweed which is filed in over 1,000 pages of government reports, field data and maps of marine vegetation. The maps were assembled from color and infrared photographs enriched with sea shore data collected by a scuba team surveyed by Adams.

Austin and Adams were the first to do a quantitative survey of valuable red seaweeds on Canada's Pacific Coast. The methods they developed will appear in a paper soon to be published in the *American Journal of Photogrammetric Engineering and Remote Sensing*.

The data in the maps, said Austin, can provide the basis for government regulation of the seaweed resource and guidance for commercial harvesters, and also can be used as indicators to demonstrate the effects of environmental alterations and pollution such as oil spills.



Austin: sees seaweed on the rise

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"Even if we are lucky and no pollution occurs, the seashore vegetation zones can be reflowed and remapped at extended time intervals giving us information not now available about long term changes in this sensitive and productive coastal vegetation."

While on study leave this year, Austin is working with Adams to distill their findings, together with other work, into a publication designed to be useful to a wide audience including fishermen, businessmen and, perhaps, the general public.

Austin points out that cultivation of plants in water aquaculture or mariculture is still in its infancy and unlikely to be easily developed.

"But, the situation is not entirely dissimilar to that met with land plants over 10,000 years ago, when wild forms were domesticated producing the much improved staple crop plants we depend upon today."

Austin feels that the popular opinion of seaweed has come a long way from the day when only a few phycologists took it seriously.

"It is just possible that the extensive sheltered inlets and sounds, unique to the Pacific coast of B.C., might one day harbour marine fields of cultivated domesticated algae supplying a part of what seems to be our societies' inexhaustible needs with regard to food and fuel."

That would be a phycologist's dream indeed, far removed from the fight for survival that marks the present state of the seaweed industry in Denmark.

letters

(Letters to the editor will be published if signed and without libellous content. Letters are subject to editing to meet space requirements.)

Sir

I should like to congratulate you on publishing the article on the University Health Service in the last issue. The more information that is made available on all aspects of the University Health Services, the more enlightenment there is on sexual matters, the greater the chance that more rational attitudes and behaviour might prevail.

It might also have been pointed out that the easy accessibility of the University Health Services probably encourages students to seek treatment for problems they might be loathe to divulge elsewhere. And that is just how it should be.

Rod Symington
Germanic Languages & Literature

Dear sir,

I was very disappointed to see the recall of the Nov. 23 issue of *The Ring*.

I understand that the reason for the recall was the front page story, "Students plus sex...". I find it rather difficult to understand why this story was considered so subversive. This story pointed to a problem on our campus which was very relevant to students. This story pointed to problems which we should all be concerned about and dealt with these problems in a very tasteful manner.

This story could result in increased awareness and possibly some positive change. It is an example of what a story should be.

The only fault in running the story here at Victorian University was it used that dirty, four-letter word in the headline.

Thank you for trying to bring this problem to the attention of the students. It is unfortunate that some narrow-minded people will censure any articles in their PR magazines that do not reflect well on this institution even when the widespread reading of these articles could be beneficial.

Dave [A&S—3]

Ed: We appreciate Mr. Connell's concern but the Nov. 23 edition of *The Ring* was not recalled. In fact, as of this date (Dec. 6), there are still a few (very few) copies of the Nov. 23 edition of *The Ring* in boxes located on campus. Issues of the Nov. 23 edition were not, however, mailed to the news media off campus, as is the usual custom. The university administration had no objections to the publication of the facts in the story in question but felt that, for off-campus readers, the perspective should have been broader, pointing out that UVic is not unique in health problems related to sexual activity and birth control. In fact such problems are universal in our society and related to changes in life styles in recent years. *The Ring* is not designed to be a 'PR magazine' for the university but is a newspaper which will continue to inform the university community, including staff, faculty and students, on all facets of life on campus. And sex, Mr. Connell, is still a three-letter word.

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Campus hours for holidays

Now that students are in the middle of exams and Christmas is coming, the hours of operation of campus facilities have been temporarily cut back.

UVic itself is open up to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 23 and will be closed Dec. 24, 25, 26, 27, Jan. 1 and 2. The exception is the McKinnon Centre which will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. on Dec. 27 and Jan. 2. Recreational swimming will be held at these times.

Before Dec. 22, the McPherson Library will be open until midnight, Sunday to Thursday. Fridays it will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to midnight.

On Dec. 22 the library will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dec. 23.

The library will be closed Dec. 24 through Dec. 27 and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 and 2.

Between Christmas and New Years, the library will be open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. After New Years, from Jan. 3 to Jan. 6 it will again be open from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

On the weekend before students return to classes on Jan. 9, the library will be open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The curriculum laboratory will be closed Dec. 24, through Dec. 27, Dec. 31, and Jan. 1, 2, 7 and 9. The lab will be open Dec. 22 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 23 it will be open 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., and again at these hours on Dec. 28, 29, 30 and Jan. 3, 4, 5 and 6.

The university map collection will be closed Dec. 24, 25, 26, 27 and 31, and Jan. 1, 2, 7 and 8. Otherwise, between Dec. 22 and Jan. 6 it will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except for the noon hour when it will be closed from 12 to 1.

AMS offices will be closed from Dec. 23 to Jan. 3.

All restaurants will be closed from Dec. 23 to Jan. 8 except for the Raven Wing, which will remain open except Dec. 26 and 27 and Jan. 2. The University Centre cafeteria will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday except for Dec. 25, 26 and 27 and Jan. 1 and 2.

The Faculty Club will close from Dec. 23 at 2 p.m. to Jan. 3, unless otherwise announced.

The McKinnon Centre is open today (Dec. 14) to Dec. 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. On the weekend of Dec. 17 and 18, the building is open from 1 to 5 p.m. and from Dec. 19 to 22 the building is again open from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. On Dec. 23 the building closes at 5:30 p.m. and remains closed Dec. 24, 25 and 26.

Dec. 27 the building will be open from 1 to 5 p.m., and from 8:30 to 11 p.m. from Dec. 28 to Dec. 30. On the New Year's weekend, the building will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday and closed on Sunday. It will re-open on Monday from 1 to 5 p.m. and then will be open from 8:30 to 5:30 p.m. Jan. 3 to 6. On Jan. 7 and 8, it will be open from 1 to 5 p.m.

Except for the days when the building is closed, family and recreational swimming will be held on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.

Recreational swimming will be open at varying hours on all other days that the building is open for the holidays, except for Dec. 22 and 23, when the change rooms and pool will be closed.

The Bank of Montreal will be open until 6 p.m. on Dec. 23, and will be closed Dec. 24, 25, 26 and 27. It will keep its regular hours from Dec. 28 to 30, close from Dec. 31 to Jan. 2, and resume regular hours on Jan. 3.

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Dr. John Dewey, Dean of Graduate Studies, is UVic's representative on a new science committee set up to advise on research policies and priorities in British Columbia. In announcing the make-up of the committee the minister of education, Dr. Pat McGeer said the government hopes to strike a better balance between high technology industry, universities and the government. Dr. W.A. Armstrong, former head of UCBC is chairman of the new group which includes representatives from the three B.C. universities and Dr. Roger Gaudry, rector of the University of Montreal, Dr. Otto Forgacs of MacMillan Bloedel, Dr. John McDonald, a computer expert and Dr. Paul Trussell of the B.C. Research Council.

If you have an environmental message to get across, try the Environmental Studies Programme Newsletter. The newsletter is helping to keep people at UVic informed about environmental news and events both on and off the campus. The third issue, which came out this month, called for "Help" from students and faculty and said any contributions, suggestions and/or criticisms would be gratefully accepted. For more information, or contributions, contact Linda Loftus, Cunningham 2115, local 4723.

Canadian environmental professionals will gather at a conference Jan. 20 and 21 in Toronto to discuss specific environmental problems, and the need for a national interdisciplinary organization in Canada. The conference is being sponsored by the Canadian Committee on University Research on Environment, the Association of Canadian Faculties of Environmental Studies and the Ontario Society for Environmental Management. Registration forms are available in Cunningham 2115.

If you or someone you know is a rugby freak, the Valhallaans Rugby Football Club has come up with an ideal, inexpensive Christmas gift. The Valhallaans of the Vancouver Island Rugby Union is made up of former UVic rugby players. Alistair Palmer, Brent Johnston and Chris Mills have produced a calendar to raise money for the club. It's available through the UVic Alumni Association office in University House as well as through local rugby clubs. The calendar features pictures of local players, and the VIRU schedule for first and second division clubs. It also notes the dates of important international matches and provides trivia on the local and international rugby scene.

After Christmas there will be rooms available for women in residence on campus. There are 16 places available, as of Jan. 8, and the beginning of the spring term. A spokesman for housing services explained that the rooms became available because of people who left residence during the fall term. More information on the vacancies can be obtained through the housing services office in the Lansdowne office wing.

About 60 second and third grade pupils from Campus View Elementary school were scheduled to visit the circus on campus Dec. 12. There weren't any clowns or elephants however. This is a "Science Circus" constructed by professional year students in the Faculty of Education to demonstrate some of the wonders of science for elementary school pupils. The students, under the direction of Education professors, Dr. Michael Padilla and Richard Williams, were on hand to guide youngsters through the display set up Room 010 of the MacLaurin Building. Pupils from Brentwood Elementary School are scheduled to visit the circus today.

GET FIT (and aid science)

Faculty and staff member, no matter what shape they're in, now have an opportunity to get physically fit and aid research at the same time.

Dr. Bruce Howe is looking for 40 to 60 men and women to volunteer for a research project on fitness.

Howe, chairman of the physical education division of the Faculty of Education, has received a \$4,000 grant from the federal Ministry of Fitness and Amateur Sport for a comparative study of the effects of two styles of fitness programs.

Volunteers will be divided into two groups. Half will take a structured fitness class three times a week while the rest will be assigned to individual projects.

Howe explained that all volunteers will be thoroughly tested before they begin and tested again at the end of two months.

"Those in the structured classes will meet for an hour three times a week for eight weeks with regular, supervised fitness exercises such as jogging, swimming, and calisthenics," he said.

"The individual programs will be based on individual interests."

The volunteers will have the benefit of extensive testing and fitness evaluation at the beginning and end of the project, and a few months after the structured classes have ended.

"Most people are now aware of the benefits of fitness," explained Howe. "However, there is a dispute over the best way to achieve fitness, through structured classes or individual initiative."

"It is possible that those volunteers in the structured classes will make more improvements during the first two months. But I plan to re-test the volunteers later and then we may find that those who start in non-supervised fitness activities keep up with their routine while those in structured classes lose interest at the end of the classes."

news bullets

McMaster University scientists have come up with a new method of carbon 14 dating which can pinpoint age of 100,000 years, compared to the present limit of about 40,000.

Ronald Ivan MacDonald, the man who taught psychology at Lakehead University using a copied degree before he was exposed as an imposter, earned his own degree while on parole and now teaches at a college in eastern Canada. He says "I'm quite happy now, strictly legitimate with a wife, family, house, dog and cat."

There are only half a dozen rare bookbinders and restorers in Canada and the University of Toronto has one of them. Emrys Evans began his book-binding career at the University working "in the middle of a typing pool" but now works in the Rare Book Library. In his eight years he has bound 343 books for the university and close to 68,000 items have gone through his shop—book bindings for oiling, prints matted, bookplates affixed, marble endpapers replaced, pages washed and bleached, maps restored and mouldering books rejuvenated.

Also at the U of T, a recent issue of the university's *Bulletin* carried a two page article by Prof. Robin Harris, University historian and member of the Higher Education Group. The title: "Do Presidents Matter." "No" concludes University historian after looking at four presidential terms. Toward the end of the article Prof. Harris explains his stand by saying that what fundamentally does matter is circumstance.

Thunderbay's Lakehead U offers the only degree in Canada in outdoor recreation. Skiing, swimming, canoeing, snowshoeing and other outdoor activities are all part of the course work in the three year degree program offered by the Faculty of Health and Physical Education. It began as a geography specialty called Outdoor Recreation in Resource Studies in 1974 and became a Phys Ed program two years later. Now, organizers are trying to get approval for a three year course leading to a B.A. (Geography) and a four year honours degree in Outdoor Recreation. Presently, the 22 graduates are working in schools, the National Park Service, as community recreation directors and in agencies for special needs.



Shields and the Vikes confer during tournament

There will be more Classics

The first Pacific Rim basketball Classic was such a success that future editions of the same are assured.

Chairman of the Classic, Viking coach Ken Shields, was pleased with the overall operation of the tournament. "The teams and their officials were very happy with the reception they received and the smooth-running flow of the tournament."

Crowds were estimated between 4,500 and 5,000 for the three-day show, capped by a 91-83 victory by University of Calgary Dinosaurs over the host Vikings.

Dinosaurs had ensured the Classic's success with a 78-74 upset of Canada's number one ranked University of Manitoba Bisons in semi-final play.

"There are some areas that we might look to for improvement," says Shields, "most noticeably, more on-campus promotion and more involvement of students."

The champion Dinosaurs are almost certain to be asked back to defend their crown against a new line-up of challengers.

Who?

Well, that isn't known yet but don't be surprised to hear Shields may have been spotted in a huddle later this month with his counterpart in Hilo when the Vikings visit the University of Hawaii.

Soccer Vikings host tournament Net Vikettes face sternest test

Basketball has one holiday feature down and one to go but it takes a soccer coach to put the finger on that sport's relative success on campus.

"Why does basketball draw better than soccer?" asks George Smith, manager of the soccer Vikings and coach of the Norsemen.

"Because it's warm and dry. That's why", cracks Smith.

So the soccer crowd is once again out to prove it is every bit as successful at the holiday gambit with its annual indoor tournament at the UVic Old Gym, Dec. 27 and 28.

The indoor tourney drew hundreds of fans during its first two years and the third edition could be even more popular with the current upheaval among the Premier Division teams in the Vancouver Island Soccer League.

The Vikings, undefeated in their first seven games this season, were the only undefeated team as of last week. Duncan Powells, just promoted from the second division, were in second place in the Premier Division.

These teams along with several other unorganized sides such as a team from Victoria 'Y', will participate in the annual six-day funfest.

The college holiday feature will pit the Vikettes, unbeaten in 46 Canada West conference games, against the number one

ranked team in the country, the Laurentian Voyageurs.

The Jan. 2-3 test is a major challenge for the Vikettes who, despite that imposing western record, have fallen far short in the nationals during the past two years.

"Twenty and 0 records and 49-0 records don't mean a thing if you can't win the big ones", says coach, Mike Gallo.

"We always felt we were capable of being the best and they are the best so it will be a important test for us.

"I predict we'll do them in", he added.

There is nothing Gallo would like more than to give the Vikettes a valuable psychological lift since they appear to be headed for another date in the 1978 nationals.

Laurentian will meet the Vikettes at McKinnon Gym at 8 p.m. Jan. 2 and 2 p.m. Jan. 3.

Most other sports and athletic activities will take a few days here or there for a holiday break. The Vikings have raised money for a trip to Hawaii for games Dec. 22 and 23. They then move on to Calgary for the Calgary Classic, Jan. 2-4 where they hope to gain some measure of revenge for that 91-83 defeat at the hands of the Dinosaurs in the Pacific Rim finals.

The McKinnon Building complex will be closed from Dec. 24 through 26 inclusive.

Clinic aids students

By Louise Longo



A lot of UVic students will be heaving a sigh of relief as they sit down to Christmas dinner thanks to the English department's Writing Clinic. Administration funding and the department's manpower has made the clinic possible as "a service to all students in the university...to help those with problems of expression in their writing."

"This is, primarily, a service to the university as a whole and specifically directed to students not in English courses," explained Dr. Victor Neufeldt, of the clinic.

"We are also available to English students who feel they need extra assistance, or if their professor feels they do."

Students are helped to identify and work with their writing problems, given help in the planning, organization and thinking-through of an essay and in some cases provided with supplementary exercises.

"Students are under no compulsion. They can bring in a bad paper that has already been marked, or they can ask for help with a paper that's in process.

"We do get some referrals by professors, but most of our students come in on their own," Neufeldt said.

The clinic is manned this term 30 hours per week by three members of the English department, Neufeldt, Dr. Ed Berry and Dr. Robert Schuler. Its first year is experimental to determine if it is providing a necessary service.

"The idea for a writing clinic was kicked around the English department for a number of years before we finally decided to see if we could get funding to try it out. Many universities in North America have had writing clinics for years," Neufeldt added, "but it's a new idea for UVic."

Berry feels that the main problem the clinic faces is one of promotion.

"We are still in the process of alerting the university to the fact that the clinic is here, and providing a service.

"It's not as well used as it will have to be, if it is going to survive," he commented.

Neufeldt sees it differently.

"I noticed that 80 per cent of all the students we've seen have come in since mid-October. It's when things began to 'heat-up' and pressure started to build that people began coming in for help."

calendar

Wednesday, December 14th.

8:30-11:00 pm

Badminton. Old gym. Bring your own shuttlecock.

Thursday, December 15th.

1:30 pm

Chemistry seminar. Dr. A. Bonny, University of Victoria, will speak on "Stereochemically Non-Rigid Ilanes, Germanes and Stannanes: Cyclopentadienyls and Beyond". EL 162.

3:30-5:00 pm

Petch peeves. Students, staff and faculty welcome. SUB.

Friday, December 16th.

9:00 am

Human and Social Development meeting. SEDG 068.

7:15 pm

Cinecenta Films. SUB Theatre. "Harry and Tonto" and "Next Stop Greenwich Village".

Saturday, December 17th.

7:15 pm

Cinecenta Films. SUB Theatre. Special Free Holiday Show.

Sunday, December 18th.

2:15 pm

Men's Soccer. Norsemen vs Oak Bay Reserves. Henderson Park.

2:15 pm

Men's Soccer. Vikings vs Gorge Molsons. Topaz Park.

7:00-10:00 pm

Badminton. McKinnon Gym. Bring your own shuttlecock.

Cinecenta Closed from December 18th. to January 6th.

Monday, December 19th.

1:00 pm

Board of Governors meeting. Gold Room, Commons Block.

Outpouring of history from prolific profs

By Jon Barwell-Clarke

Faculty members of the history department are making history these days.

The publication of nine books, and the imminent publication of four more, brings to 13 the number of books produced this year by members of the department.

It's a record high and department chairman Dr. John Money feels it is a sign of the department's coming of age.

Comparatively, the history department published about a book a year during the late 1960s.

Money said that although it is in part coincidental that this many books should be ready at the same time, "I believe it is an accurate reflection of the maturity of the department."

Perhaps more impressive than the number of books is the diversity of subjects written about, revealing the wide range of interests within the department.

Dr. Brian Dippie's *Custer's Last Stand: The Anatomy of an American Myth*; Dr. Angus McLaren's *Birth Control in Nineteenth Century England* and Dr. S.W. Jackman's *The Correspondence of Queen Sophie of the Netherlands* are just three titles.

This dramatic increase in the output of the department is a result of a shift in hiring policies that occurred in the late 60s, Money explained.

The department had been in the habit of hiring instructors who, although qualified to teach junior courses, had not yet completed their PhD theses. As a result, many of these instructors, unaccustomed to the time taken up by grading and course preparation, failed to complete their doctoral research.

Because of this, it became history depart-

ment policy to hire only those instructors who had completed their doctorates, said Money.

The result has been the outpouring of books.

The gathering of material for the books was a tactical problem faced by many of the authors.

Dr. Ralph Crozier, for his book, *Koxinga and Chinese Nationalism: History, Myth and the Hero*, gathered material from libraries at Harvard, Columbia and Berkley. He also travelled to Taiwan for information available at no other source.

Dr. Reginald Roy had to travel from Victoria to the public archives in Ottawa to London, England, to research his book on George Peckes, *For Most Conspicuous Bravery*.

Other books published include *The Canadian City*, by Dr. Alan Artibise; *The Canadian City: Essays in Urban History*; *Winnipeg: An Illustrated History*; Vol. XIII of *Canada in World Affairs*, by Dr. Charlotte Girard; *Cardinal Wiseman: Money, Experience and Identity*, by Jackman; and *Japanese Colonial Education in Taiwan*, by Dr. E.P. Tsurumi.

Books in progress include *Canadian Co-Operative Movement*, by Dr. Ian MacPherson; *Josiah Tucker*, by Dr. George Shelton; and *SOE and Europe - 1940 to 1945*, by Dr. David Stafford.

Although it would be unrealistic to expect this level of production to continue indefinitely, Money feels that "the fire has been well banked and we can expect it to burn for some time."